

Achieving Equitable Development: Strategies to Empower Community Organizations

February 2, 2011

The Westin Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina

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8:30 AM WELCOME

- Lisa Garcia, EPA Associate Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice

8:50 AM OPENING KEYNOTE

- Harold Mitchell, Jr., Representative, South Carolina State Legislature (District 31)

9:20 AM PANEL: Perspectives on Equitable Development

This panel introduces the basics of equitable development through the perspectives and experiences of community organizations and activists.

- Susan Jenkins, Executive Director, Cherokee Preservation Foundation
- Nathaniel Smith, Director of Partnerships and Research for Equitable Development, Emory University
- Elizabeth C. Yeampierre, Executive Director, UPROSE; Chair, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council
- Moderator: John Frece, Director, EPA Office of Sustainable Communities

10:35 AM BREAK

10:50 AM PANEL: Equitable Development Policy and Trends

This panel will introduce current policy trends and issues related to equitable development through dialogue with national experts.

- Devon Barnhart, Deputy Director of Advocacy and Outreach, Smart Growth America
- David Rusk, President, Metropolitan Area Research Corporation
- Deborah Scott, Executive Director, Georgia Stand Up
- Josh Silver, Vice President of Research and Policy, National Community Reinvestment Coalition
- Moderator: Anita M. Hairston, AICP, Senior Associate for Transportation Policy, PolicyLink

12:20 PM NETWORKING LUNCH

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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<p>1:45 PM PANEL: Equity in Small Towns and Rural Communities This panel will discuss the intersection of equity, community involvement, poverty and capacity in small towns and rural communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vernita Dore, South Carolina State Director, USDA Rural Development • Savi Horne, Executive Director, Land Loss Prevention Project • Bob Reeder, Director, Rural LISC • Moderator: John Cooper, PhD, Program Director, MDC, Inc. 	<p>TRAINING: Financing Equitable Development During this <u>3-hour</u> training, participants will be introduced to financing tools and strategies that support equitable development, and the private sector perspective on equitable development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.F. (Ernie) Dehnert, Senior Vice President, CRA/Community Development Manager, BB&T • Michael Goldstein, Esq., Chair, Brownfields Practice, Akerman Senterfitt LLP • Glenn Hudson, Principal, Hudson/Barnett Group • Gregory Sills, Project Manager, BluEcon Project Management • Moderator: Dan Hutch, Economist/Policy Analyst, EPA Office of Sustainable Communities
<p>3:15 PM BREAK</p>	
<p>3:30 PM PANEL: Working with Local, State and Federal Government During this session, panelists from community-based organizations and federal, state and local government will discuss their experiences forging effective partnerships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rey Espana, Director of Community Development, Native American Youth Family Center • Liz Gutierrez, Director of Programs, Hispanic Services Council • Holly Wilson, Lead, Community Air Program, Outreach and Information Division, US EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards • Tim Nolan, Sustainable Industrial Development Coordinator, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency • Moderator: Adam Ortíz, Mayor, Town of Edmonston, MD 	

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5:00 PM CLOSING KEYNOTE

- Don Chen, Metropolitan Opportunity Program Officer, The Ford Foundation

5:30 PM WORKSHOP CONCLUDES